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Charles D. Aaron, M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Stomach and Intestines in the Detroit Post-Graduate School of Medicine; Clinical Professor of Gastro-enterology in the Detroit College of Medicine; Consulting Gastro-enterologist to Harper Hospital, etc. With a frontispiece plate in colors. Crown octavo, 91 pages, extra cloth. Price, \$1.00, net. F. A. Davis Company, publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

Nurses will all agree that no more interesting reading than Dr. Schmidt's translation very often comes to us from the strictly scientific fields. This is all the more amazing when one considers the rather slender topic under discussion. One remembers the title of the old fairy tale, "Soup from a Sausage-peg," and what a wonderful history it was, despite its name. This book too takes one farther afield than its title would lead one to expect, and shows many wonderful and interesting things by the way.

A noticeable feature of the book is the frequent naming of references, indicating a tremendous army of professional men engaged in research work—a sort of aristocracy of the profession.

**DIETETICS FOR NURSES.** By Julius Friedenwald, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Stomach, in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, and John Ruhrah, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore.

This is exactly the book for which nurses and others have long and vainly sought. A simple manual of dietetics, which does not turn into a cook-book at the end of the first or second chapter. If one wanted to grumble one might justly complain that the chapter on "Chemistry and Physiology of Digestion" is rather poor, but every nurse is probably well up on the subject, and possibly no one will miss what is lacking. Moreover, we are bidden if we would know more to consult the larger work, "Diet in Health and Disease," by the same authors. There are occasional digressions from the beaten track which make the book much more valuable than it would be without them. We need only mention two—the technic of the rest cure, and the treatment of nausea in anæsthesia—to show that they are not so foreign to the subject under discussion as to hint at a possible transformation of Julius and John into Julia and Joanna. The feeding of infants both healthy and sick is very thoroughly discussed, also the diet of the aged, as well as the diet of patients suffering from diseases in which the nursing is largely a matter of skill and tact on

the part of the attendant, who has often a very restricted diet list to work with. Rectal feeding and feeding by means of stomach-tube are fully described, and the dietetic management of surgical cases. It is always a pleasure to recommend a good book and help make it known, and we feel sure this one will make many friends for itself.

**THE OPERATING-ROOM AND THE PATIENT.** By Russell Fowler, M.D. Surgeon to the German Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia. Price \$2.00.

This is a manual for use in hospitals particularly and as such is a master work of its kind. The most minute appointment of the operating-room, the instrument-room, the supply-room, the room for anæsthesia and the patients' room is discussed. There is also a comprehensive listing of instruments for eighty-two different operations. The preparation of supplies and the care of the same, and also of appliances and instruments, are given careful consideration.

Those who like a book for its handsome exterior and dote upon a good-looking book, are sure to find this one out. The binding is very smart, and the paper, printing, etc., all above the average used for this kind of book.

**NURSING IN THE ACUTE INFECTIOUS FEVERS.** By George P. Paul, M.D., Assistant Visiting Physician and Adjunct Radiographer to the Samaritan Hospital, Troy, N. Y. 12mo. 200 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London. W. B. Saunders & Co. Price \$1.00.

Dr. Paul's book makes a welcome addition to the nurse's library. On somewhat different lines to the Fever Nursing of Doctor Wilcox, which appeared last year (Blakistons, Phila.), the two books supplement each other and make good library companions. Dr. Paul divides his work into three parts: The first treats of fevers in general, the types, and the treatment; the diet of fever patients; the means used for reduction of temperature, etc. Part second treats of fevers, particularly typhoid; smallpox; epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, and so on down the list. In this part lies a great deal of the merit of the book. Part three discusses special treatment in the management of some of the foregoing, as the use of antitoxins, blood-testing, also the examination of urine.